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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Advisory Action of July 21, 2005, claims 1 and 4-9 were rejected. Claims 2-3 were objected to, but were deemed patentable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10-13 were allowed.

Pursuant to the amendment above, claims 1 and 3-13 remain the application. In particular, claims 1 and 10 have been amended, claim 2 has been cancelled, and claims 14 and 15 have been added. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests that claims 1 and 3-15 be allowed.

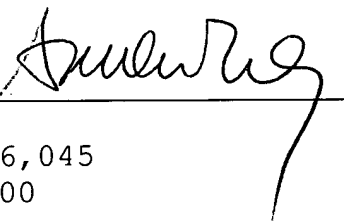
Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a plurality of fastener openings ...", as generally found in cancelled claim 2. However, claim 1, as well as claim 10, now recite "fastener openings in the base extending at least partially from an upper surface of the upper portion of the base to the lower surface of the standoff portion of the base." As none of the cited references teaches or suggests these structures, it is submitted that independent claims 1 and 10 are in condition for allowance.

As dependent claims 3-9 and 14 are dependent on independent claim 1, and as dependent claims 11-13 and 15 are dependent on independent claim 10, it is submitted that the dependent claims are in condition for allowance both for their dependence on allowable independent claims and for additional limitations found therein. Therefore, issuance of the patent with claims 1 and 3-15 is respectfully requested.

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If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney Robert Green at the number listed below.

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